

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Mabel Mitchell was born on March 16, 1915; and,

Whereas, Mabel chose to make South Dakota her home, the state in which she lives, befriends, works and loves, and we are richer because Mabel lives among us; and,

Whereas, Mabel and her husband, Cliff, were blessed with two children, Meredith and Kathy, whom they raised with gentle and guiding hands; and,

Whereas, Mabel has used her time and talents to help others. She served the nursing profession for over 20 years as a nurse's aide at St. Bernard's Providence Hospital in Milbank and worked with the Carlsen Ambulance Service. At the age of 55, she returned to further her nursing education, and continued her career for 16 more years as an LPN; and,

Whereas, Mabel has been a best friend to animals, caring for the sick and abandoned, finding them homes, working for animal rights and protecting them from harm; and,

Whereas, Mabel will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on March 20, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2005, as

MABEL MITCHELL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State